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NEWARK, N. J., THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1913.

RAIN TONIGHT; FRIDAY FAIR.

PROBE FIRE THAT SWEEPED LENGTH OF CITY BLOCK

It Was Third Blaze That Has Occurred at Same Place.

MANY LIVES IN DANGER AS FIREMENT BURNS

Reports of Damage Done Vary Between \$20,000 and \$45,000.

Captain C. Albert Gasser, of the department of combustibles and fire risks, today began an investigation looking toward the prevention of another such hazardous fire as that which swept sixteenth avenue, from South Seventh to South Eighth streets, last night.

This blaze is the third that has started in the plant of the New Jersey Sash and Door Company. It spread with such extraordinary rapidity that all the company's buildings and sheds but one brick structure were destroyed. A three-story tenement was burned so quickly that the residents from the fourth precinct police station had scant time to carry out the half-suffocated tenants. Several other buildings were damaged.

Sparks, flying high into the air from the blazing piles of lumber and wooden sheds, were wafted far over the neighborhood, endangering houses as far away as South Orange avenue. Had a strong wind been blowing there seems little doubt that the fire would have spread to other blocks and spread from the Fourth precinct. As it was, three alarms and the most stubborn kind of fighting were required before the blaze could be checked.

The damage is placed today at \$21,000 by the police. Hiram Sitka, manager of the sash concern, places the loss much higher.

Spectacular Features. Newark has rarely seen a more spectacular fire. Thousands from all parts of the city were drawn to the scene and crowded as close as the fire lines and the intense heat permitted. The glare in the sky could be seen for miles. Many who saw the reflection thought that whole blocks were burning.

The heat was so terrific that the sightseers could not approach close to the fire. Nevertheless, the residents of the Fourth precinct had their hands full in holding the crowds in check. Two men were so persistent in breaking through the lines that they were arrested. Both were discharged today.

Alfred J. Weller, a conductor on a Plank road line car, saw the flames shooting from the southwest corner of the sash company's yards at 7:10 p. m. At that time, however, the firemen were busy fighting a \$5,000 two-alarm blaze at the Hudson Hat Company, 218-220 New street.

Whole Block Afire. By the time Deputy Chief Towey sent in the third alarm at the sixteenth avenue fire the flames had swept the length of the block.

Patrolmen Pasco, Honish, Speer, Schmidt and McDams, and Louis Johnson, of 387 South Eighth street, and Frank Jurik, of 32 Sayre street, broke into a three-story frame building at 125 sixteenth avenue, which was already ablaze.

Mrs. Isabelle Gaffney and her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, were found semi-conscious on the third floor. They were carried out by Honish, Pasco and Smith. Some of the tenants, in their hysterical fright, fought their rescuers.

The four-story brick building containing the mill and offices of the sash company, at the northern end of the South Seventh street side, served as a barricade to prevent the fire spreading. The absence of a high wind enabled the firemen to stay the progress of the flames at the corner of sixteenth avenue and South Eighth street, but not without a hard fight.

Freeman O'Connell and Sweet, of Elaine No. 12, were caught in the collapse of the dwelling that was destroyed. Although they were struck by falling timbers and burned about the hands and face, they made their way out unaided.

For blocks around were forced to form bucket brigades and sluice down the roofs of their homes to prevent the flaming embers starting other fires. The sash concern is said to have had two other fires. Captain Gasser is afraid of a possible recurrence, because the neighborhood is filled with frame dwellings and tenements, which would burn like tinder if a fire escaped control.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The damage, as estimated by the police, is as follows: The New Jersey Sash and Door Company, \$10,000; house at 125 sixteenth avenue, owned by Julius Dobowitz, \$7,000; furniture of barber shop of Leo Pillizzotti, \$900; furniture of apartment of James Gaffney, on the third floor, \$300; a variety of the building owned by Dominick Doniozsky, at 416 South Eighth street, \$300; water damage to furniture of George Frader, 127 sixteenth avenue, \$1,200; damage to the building at 127 sixteenth avenue, \$700.

Mevee Knauber is president of the New Jersey Sash and Door Company. He said today that he thought the damage would be between \$40,000 and \$45,000, covered for the most part by insurance.

"We cannot tell, of course, exactly what the loss is until we take an inventory. We will commence rebuilding as soon as possible."

The majority of the thirty men employed by the company were laid off Saturday for a week. An inventory was being taken.

Take Notice. Do your marketing early. Centre Market will close at 12 o'clock noon Good Friday—Adv.

Rear-Admiral Eaton and Widow Who Is Accused as His Murderer



MRS. EATON PLACED UNDER ARREST FOR MURDER OF HUSBAND

Widow of Rear-Admiral Who Died Under Mysterious Circumstances Taken Into Custody Following Her Testimony at Inquest Today—Stepdaughter Not a Beneficiary in Will.

HINGHAM, Mass., March 20.—Mrs. Eaton, widow of Rear-Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, was arrested here today charged with the murder of her husband.

District Attorney A. F. Barker announced the arrest in the following statement: "Mrs. Eaton is under arrest, charged with the murder of her husband, Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton."

"Admiral Eaton did not die a natural death. This fact was communicated to me on March 19 by Professor Whitney in a preliminary verbal report and has been known to officers working on the case since that time. Death was due to arsenical poisoning. Peculiar features which are involved have prevented the authorities from communicating them to the public. We have been unable thus far to ascertain where the poison was procured. Mrs. Eaton was arrested at her home at Assinippi this morning."

Mrs. Eaton was later arraigned before Judge Pratt, who conducted the inquest into the admiral's death. She pleaded not guilty and was committed to jail without bail for a further hearing on March 28.

Admiral Eaton died suddenly on the morning of March 8. He was 56 years of age, but according to his friends had been in good health. Two days later the body was buried at Braintree, his former home. There was no service at the grave, and besides the undertakers and newspaper men only the widow and her daughter by another marriage witnessed the interment. There was no military honors. The rear admiral had been thirty-nine years' service in the navy. He commanded the transport Resolute at

the Philippines. Mrs. Eaton was a native of Hingham, Mass., and was married to the admiral in 1881. She has two daughters, one of whom is the stepdaughter of the admiral.

The admiral's will, which was proved in the probate court at Braintree, Mass., on March 19, named his wife as executrix. She was named as the beneficiary of the bulk of the estate, with the exception of a small sum which was left to his stepdaughter.

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BILLS GREW BY SEVEN-FOLD FOR GRUBB'S TABLE

Increase Shown at Investigation of the Soldiers' Home.

QUARTERMASTER ON THE STAND GIVES FIGURES

Expenditures for the Officers' "Mess" for Four Years Shown by Testimony.

That bills for extra food served at the officers' table had increased seven-fold since General E. Bird Grubb took the reins at the Home for Disabled Soldiers, in Kearny, was brought out in the testimony of George C. Chandler, the quartermaster, who resumed the stand today at the third session of the joint legislative committee which is investigating charges of extravagance and mismanagement at the home.

At last Thursday's hearing Mr. Chandler was instructed to prepare a table of expenditures for extra food for the last four years. This he submitted as follows: 1909, \$346; 1910, \$241; 1911, \$1,025.22; and 1912, \$2,914.57.

It was on March 11, 1911, that General Grubb took charge of the Soldiers' Home.

First Clash at Hearing. The first clash between counsel that has occurred since the inquirers have been in session took place at the outset of today's hearing, when Josiah Stryker, who is conducting the investigation for the committee, offered in evidence a resolution passed by the executive committee of the board of managers, October 18, 1912, which directed that the officers of the institution eat the same food as the inmates.

Warren Dixon, counsel for General Grubb, then offered a letter from Commissioner Byers, of the State Department of Charities and Correction, relative to affairs at the home, and Mr. Stryker interposed an objection.

The two lawyers had a rather

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NEWARK GIRL HURT IN AUTO SMASH-UP

Returning from Theatre Party in New York When Car Hits "L" Pillar.

As the climax of a late theatre supper, Miss Edna Freeman, a pretty young woman, of 45 Broad street, was hurt in New York early today when her host's auto crashed into an "L" pillar at Thirty-ninth street and Ninth avenue.

She had broken right ankle, many bruises about the body and lacerations of the face.

With Miss Ethel Luernz, 21 years old, of 232 West 123d street, New York, she attended a theatre as the guest of a man who gave his name as Richard W. McEwene, 40 years old, a manufacturer, of Whippany, N. J.

They had lingered longer than they intended at supper, and when McEwene looked at his watch he saw they had but five minutes to catch the 2:45 ferry at Forty-second street. Miss Luernz was to spend the night with Mr. Freeman at his city.

He took the wheel of his touring car, with Miss Freeman on the front seat beside him. Miss Luernz was in the tonneau. They went through Thirty-ninth street at a good clip. McEwene intended to turn left on Ninth avenue, but he forgot to do so.

The car struck the "L" pillar, and the wheels slipped and sent the car head-on into the nearest "L" pillar, breaking the windshield, radiator and all the glass, tearing off a wheel and bursting two tires.

The explosion of the tires awoke many persons in the neighborhood and brought Policeman Freeman, who was on duty post at Thirty-eighth street and Ninth avenue. He found the man and two women unconscious, and the machine demolished.

Freeman summoned other policemen and they carried the three into a drugstore and sent for an ambulance from New York Hospital. Dr. Waters responded and attended them. He thought Miss Freeman should be taken to the hospital, but she refused to go. McEwene called another car and sent the young woman to the home of Miss Luernz, in Harlem, to spend the night.

McEwene seemed very anxious to escape notoriety, and told the policeman there was no use in having any publicity about the "little accident."

He said he was quite an expert driver and didn't care to have the people of Whippany joke him about having a mishap.

No man by the name of "McEwene," as the police spelled it, is known in Whippany, but there is an R. W. McEwan, of Morris avenue, a paper box manufacturer. Over the long-distance telephone early today his 18-year-old son said his father had not been home all night and that his mother and sisters were anxious about him. They had heard of no accident, he said, adding that one of the girls had just fainted. He said his father owned a Packard touring car, which is the make wrecked in the accident, and seemed so certain it was his father who was hurt he would go to New York immediately to look for him.

GRIFFIN SUCCEEDS SEC. GARRISON AS VICE-CHANCELLOR

Hudson County Counsel Is Named by Walker Today.

APPOINTMENT MEETS WITH PRAISE FROM EVERY HAND

New Member of Chancery Court Will Preside at Jersey City Chambers.

[From a Staff Correspondent.] TRENTON, N. J., March 20.—Chancellor Walker today named John Griffin, of Jersey City, successor to Vice-Chancellor Lindsey M. Garrison, who resigned to become secretary of war under President Wilson. Mr. Griffin, who has been county counsel of Hudson for seventeen years, is named for a full term of seven years, at a salary of \$10,000 a year. He will sit in the Chancery Chambers in Jersey City, where he will be associated with Vice-Chancellor Vivian M. Lewis, who is now dividing his time between the chambers in Jersey City and Newark.

When Chancellor Walker received the resignation of Vice-Chancellor Garrison he announced that he would name as his successor a Democrat who resided in Jersey City, and who would at all times be accessible to the bar of Hudson county. Mr. Griffin, who has had a most extensive practice in the higher courts, was strongly urged for the appointment by leading lawyers and members of the bar, and after giving the matter due consideration the chancellor decided to appoint him.

A Jersey City Product. Mr. Griffin is a native of Jersey City, where he was born fifty-five years ago, and is a product of the public schools of that place. He attended the old Bergen School, No. 11, from which he graduated into the Jersey City High School, but before finishing there he entered the law offices of Beddo, Mulholland & McGee. He came to the bar in 1881, and short-

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NEW GREEK RULER READY FOR OATH

Constantine Arrives in Athens, Where He Will Be Sworn In Tomorrow.

LONDON, March 20.—The new King of the Hellenes arrived in Athens today, according to dispatches received here, and will be sworn in tomorrow as Constantine XII. He traveled in an automobile from the port of Piraeus, where he landed after leaving Jinn.

Aleke Schinas, who killed King George of Greece at Saloniki, was once a teacher in the medical department of Athens University, says an Athens dispatch. Asked why he shot the King, he said:

"I had to die somehow, and I suffered from neurasthenia, and, therefore, I wished to redeem my life."

While movements of the assassin have been traced in Greece by the authorities, persons all over the world have asserted that they knew him, or worked with him, or heard him make threats against established government.

Apparently the mind of the man is affected. He wandered, living by begging much of the time. Three weeks ago he went to Saloniki from Athens, stopping at Volo, in Thessaly, his native town.

Queen Olga, showing great fortitude, is on her way from Athens to Saloniki with other members of the royal family. State mourning has been ordered for six months and court mourning for a year.

King George's body was embalmed yesterday and removed from the hospital to the palace at Saloniki on a stretcher, borne on turn by his widow, Prince Nicholas, several of the dead monarch's aides-de-camp and other superior officers of the Greek army.

At the palace the body was placed in a bier in the main chamber and the Greek metropolitan offered prayer.

The Chamber of Deputies will be summoned today to take the oath of fealty to the new king, after which the ministry will resign.

The body of the king will be taken to Athens and interred in the mausoleum which he had constructed on one of the hills at Tatol, where he was accustomed to spend the summer. The Assembly voted to erect a monument for him in the capital.

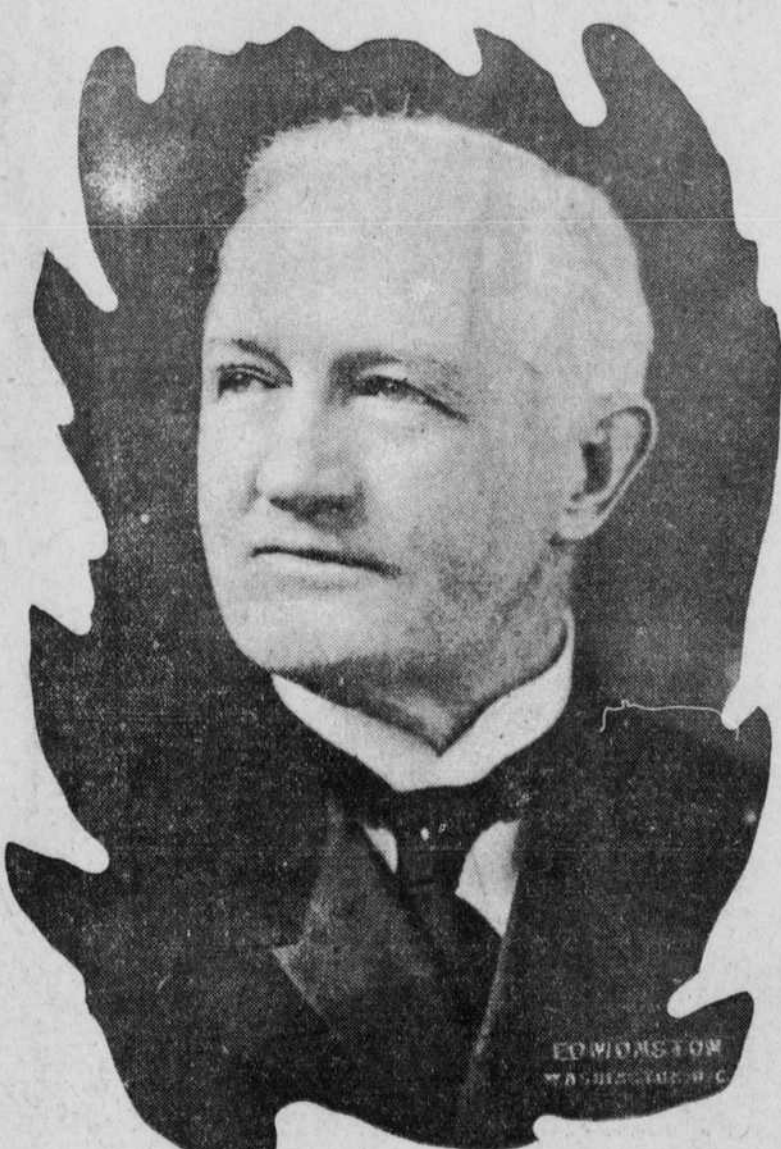
FORMER GOVERNOR BLACK IS NEAR DEATH TODAY

TROY, N. Y., March 20.—The condition of former Governor Frank S. Black, who is suffering with valvular disease of the heart, was very grave today. He is unconscious and may not live throughout the day.

SAM CRAWFORD SIGNS

DETROIT, Mich., March 20.—It was officially announced here today that Sam Crawford, veteran right fielder of the Detroit American League baseball club, has signed his 1913 contract. President Navin said the contract calls for a \$5,000 salary, which is the same as the 1912 agreement.

Jersey City Lawyer Who Was Named Vice-Chancellor Today



HOME OF WAR HERO'S WIDOW IS BURNED BY SUFFRAGETTES

Militants Destroy Country Home of Lady Amy White, Whose Husband Served at Ladysmith, and Golf Club at Weston-super-Mare—Strew Grounds With Placards.

LONDON, March 20.—Two "arson squads" of militant suffragettes succeeded in destroying \$100,000 worth of property early today.

One squad burned down the country residence of Lady Amy White at Englefield Green, near the Thames. The other squad fired the buildings of the golf club at Weston-super-Mare, a fashionable summer watering place in Somersetshire.

Lady White is the widow of Field Marshal Sir George White, the hero of Ladysmith in the Transvaal war.

Her house was a big mansion standing in spacious grounds. The flames were discovered at 1 o'clock this morning, and at that time had such a start that the efforts of the local fire brigade were hopeless. Traces of old and inflammable materials were found scattered about the house, while around the grounds were papers inscribed, "Stop Torturing Our Comrades!" "Votes for Women!" "By Kind Permission of Charles Hob-

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Auto Bandits Threaten Webb

CHICAGO, Ill., March 20.—Threats by members of the auto bandit gang to do bodily injury to Robert Webb, the bandit, who pleaded guilty to burglary and turned State's evidence against his former companion, James Perry, led to Webb's removal from the fifth tier to a cell on the fourth tier of the jail today.

AKRON, O., March 20.—Eight persons were injured, two of them seriously, when a coach on a Cleveland Terminal Valley passenger train turned over near Magnolia station, fifteen miles south of Canton. The road is a branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad system.

Mexico Governor Resigns. MONTEREY, Mexico, March 20.—General Geronimo Trevino today resigned the governorship of the State of Nuevo Leon. He gave no explanation for his action. The legislature of the State will convene Monday to act upon his resignation.

"DO NOT COME HERE YET," SAYS FRIEDMANN TO ALL

NEW YORK, March 20.—Dr. Friedmann, the German specialist, issued a statement today advising persons who have intended to come to this city for treatment with his serum to wait until the government tests of the serum has been completed.

"Do not come to New York at the present time," says the statement. "Stay home and keep your patience. It will not be long before you have the opportunity of receiving my treatment. A trip to this city would compromise your strength and vitality. So do not come, because I can now treat only those sufferers selected by the government physicians."

Take Notice. Do your marketing early. Centre Market will close at 12 o'clock noon Good Friday—Adv.

ASS'T SECRETARY OF STATE RESIGNS; REBUKES WILSON

Says President Did Not Grasp Chinese Situation.

"SHOWS FAILURE TO APPREHEND MOTIVES"

Mr. Wilson Was Reluctant of Taft Administration—Resignation Accepted.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Huntington Wilson, assistant and acting secretary of state, has resigned that office and insisted upon immediate acceptance of the resignation because of his radical difference of opinion with the administration regarding its Chinese policies.

President Wilson immediately accepted the resignation.

Mr. Wilson, like all assistant secretaries of the various departments, tendered his resignation as a matter of form to President Wilson directly upon the latter's assumption of office. Mr. Wilson was reluctant to continue in his place until it should be convenient for the President to name his successor, and consented to do so to accommodate Secretary Bryan in his desire to make his present visit to Lincoln, Neb.

The issue of the statement from the White House defining the administration's attitude regarding the Chinese loan negotiations is believed to have been regarded by Assistant Secretary Wilson as sufficient to justify him in requesting to be relieved at once from duty.

After telegraphic notice to Secretary Bryan of his intentions Mr. Wilson last yesterday afternoon dispatched a note to the White House terminating his own service and President Wilson immediately designated Second Assistant Secretary Adee to act as secretary of state during Secretary Bryan's absence.

A probable result of the resignation will be the immediate appointment, under a recess commission, of John B. Moore, as counsel of the department of state, with authority to act as secretary.

In a thousand-word letter to President Wilson the former acting secretary of state set forth that when he consented to continue for a time with the new Eastern policy, which he did not understand there were to be any radical changes of policy for which he would be called upon to act as spokesman. The letter continued in part:

"It today becomes the duty of the acting secretary of state, in responding to instructions to the representatives of this government abroad, and as the channel of communication with the representatives of foreign governments at Washington, to be the spokesman of the President in regard to a new far Eastern policy, which is apparently deducible from your statement issued to the press last night. Inasmuch as I find myself entirely out of harmony with this radical change of policy, as I understand it, I trust that you will sympathize with me in my resignation, and that I should longer retain the responsibilities of the office which I have now relinquished."

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